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Applicant: Robb Louis Augustine et al. : Paper No.:
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For: **Bed System For A Pickup Truck**

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee
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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated October 1, 2004, a Statement of Reasons for Allowance was provided. The Examiner's Statement indicates that "the prior art does not show or make obvious Applicant's cushioning element, the cushioning element being located between the overlapping first and second edge portions at the interface and being attached to not more than one of the first and second edge portions at the interface, the cushioning element being resiliently compressible and permitting relative movement between the first and second edge portions at the interface." Applicants agree that the prior art fails to teach or make obvious the claimed cushioning element. However, Applicants wish to clarify that the art also fails to teach or make obvious the claimed bed systems for a pickup truck, as recited in independent claims 1, 24 and 25.

Additionally, the Examiner quotes claim elements that are recited, for example, in claims 1 and 24. Applicants wish to clarify that the art also fails to teach or make obvious the first and second cushioning elements of claim 25.



These Comments are submitted in order to clarify the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Entry is therefore believed to be in order and is respectfully requested. Please charge any fee required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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